# Preschool Programs

### Concord Carousel Preschool

Harvey Wheeler Community Center 1276 Main Street 978-318-3045



## **Concord Carousel Preschool**Anita Stevanazzi-Hill, Director

### Who We Are

Concord Carousel Preschool is a half day preschool program accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). We offer a small, creative learning environment for children ages 2 years 9 months – 5 years. Concord Carousel operates 2, 3, and 4 day programs (based on age) from 9:15 to Noon. An optional extended day, "Stay and Play" is offered for an extra fee. Carousel also offers "Stay and Swim" (with swim lessons at the Beede Center) – based on the interests of our families.

### **Our Philosophy**

Concord Carousel aims to create a safe, nurturing and quality preschool experience for our children and their families. Our developmental curriculum is designed to promote physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth by presenting challenges and engaging children in meaningful activities. Problem solving, creativity and learning are stimulated through both spontaneous and structured activities. Integrated play activities encourage children to interact with their peers, their teachers and materials.

Our classrooms are rich in materials and activity areas that support hands on, constructive explorations, nurture and promote children's self-esteem, confidence, sense of wonder and natural passion for learning. These include small manipulatives such as legoes and puzzles, unit blocks, paint, playdough, craft materials, dramatic play, sensory materials such as sand and water, and drawing materials. There are opportunities to explore music, movement, science and nature. There are also opportunities for playing/working alone and in a group with other children and/or teachers.

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Concord Carousel is committed to valuing diversity and includes families and children with a wide variety of racial, ethnic, family, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds. We take an active stand against bias and try to instill a genuine appreciation and acceptance of others. By supporting individual differences, we encourage children and their families to value the richness and importance of a multicultural community and world.

#### **Our Teachers**

Every classroom is staffed by two Early Childhood Professionals. Our day-to-day practices are grounded in current research and theory concerning how young children learn. The people who work here have specialized training in Early Childhood Education and experience working with young children. The staff takes professional development seriously and further their knowledge by participating in on-going training through workshops, attendance at professional conferences and personal explorations through reading and observations in areas of interest.

### **Our Facilities**

Located in the Harvey Wheeler Community Center in West Concord, our facilities include four large sunny classrooms. Our outdoor play area is designed for imaginative play and includes a garden for planting and playing.

#### Registration

Limited space is available for the 2010-11 school year.

Enrollment began in January for September 2010. You are encouraged to schedule a visit during the morning with your child, to visit the classrooms and to meet with the director.



Carousel has program has a rolling admission policy, based on available space, and enrolls children at 2 year 9 month of age.

If you would like to receive a brochure and registration information or schedule a visit, please contact Anita Stevanazzi-Hill, Director, at 978-318-3045 or by email at ahill@concordma.gov.

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